

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are all the claims pending in the application, prior to the present amendment.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 2 and 4 have been allowed.

The Examiner sets forth two rejections of the claims.

Claims 3 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,594,060 to Alig et al.

In addition, claims 3 and 5-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0146562 to Morita et al.

In response, applicants have canceled claim 3, and have amended claims 5-8 so that they depend only from allowed claims 1 or 2.

Accordingly, applicants submit that claims 5-8 are allowable and, therefore, request withdrawal of these rejections.

Further, applicants have amended withdrawn claims 20 and 22 so that they depend only from allowed claims 1 and 2. Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the restriction requirement with respect to claims 20 and 22 and rejoin and allow these claims.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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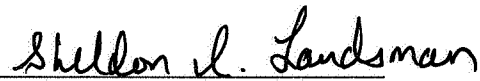
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